



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Richmond Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal Action No. 3:96CR66

DEAN ANTHONY BECKFORD

MEMORANDUM OPINION

By Memorandum Opinion and Order entered on December 12, 2002, the Court denied a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion filed by Dean Anthony Beckford. (ECF No. 1715.) On June 27, 2016, the Court received another 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion from Beckford ("June 27, 2016 § 2255 Motion," ECF No. 1901).

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 restricted the jurisdiction of the district courts to hear second or successive applications for federal habeas corpus relief by prisoners attacking the validity of their convictions and sentences by establishing a "gatekeeping mechanism." Felker v. Turpin, 518 U.S. 651, 657 (1996) (internal quotation marks omitted). Specifically, "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). The Court has not received authorization from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to entertain Beckford's June 27,

2016 § 2255 Motion. Accordingly, June 27, 2016 § 2255 Motion (ECF No. 1901) will be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. The Court will deny a certificate of appealability.

The Clerk is directed to send this Memorandum Opinion to Beckford and counsel for the United States.

It is so ORDERED.

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/s/ *RE*  
Robert E. Payne  
Senior United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia

Date:

*July 7, 2016*